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SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN RYAN ASSASSINATION: CLAIMS AGAINST USG FOR NEGLIGENCE IN DEATHS OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND NBC NEWSMAN DON HARRIS AT PORT KAITUMA, GUYANA NOV. 18, 1978.

1. EMBASSY GEORGETOWN RECEIVED NOVEMBER 14 (FOR ATTENTION OF DCM) THE ORIGINALS OF TWO FEDERAL TORT CLAIM AFFIDAVITS FROM MARVIN E. LEWIS, OF LEWIS, ROUDA & LEWIS OF SAN FRANCISCO, CLAIMING DAMAGES STEMMING FROM THE DEATHS OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND NBC NEWSMAN ROY DARWIN HUMPHREY (AKA DON HARRIS). THE CLAIMS ARE MADE ON BEHALF, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE RYAN CHILDREN AND HUMPHREY'S SURVIVING SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, ALLEGING THAT THE DEATHS OF RYAN AND HUMPHREY RESULTED FROM NEGLIGENCE OF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES JOHN BURKE, RICHARD DWYER, RICHARD MCCOY, AND JOHN BUSHNELL.

2. THE COVERING LETTERS FROM ATTORNEY LEWIS NOTE COPIES HAVE BEEN SENT TO MR. FABIAN KWIATEK, THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER.

3. THE EMBASSY IS POUCHING THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS TO L, ATTENTION MR. KWIATEK.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT, IF ANY, RESPONSE THE EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE TO ATTORNEY LEWIS, AND WHAT FURTHER ACTION

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